GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2016
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2004
FOOD SUBSIDY
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the factors taken into account to determine the food subsidy;

(b) the foodgrains on which the food subsidy is being provided;

(c) the details of food subsidy paid during the last three years, grain-wise, year-wise;

(d) whether subsidy is paid both for domestic sale and export; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Food subsidy is determined on the basis of economic cost of foodgrains, central issue prices, average sales realization, offtake of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other schemes qualifying for subsidy and carrying cost of buffer stock.

(b): Subsidy is provided on wheat, rice and coarsegrains.

(c): The details of subsidy released during the last three years, grain-wise, year-wise, are given in the statement at Annex-I.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The details of the subsidy released under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) - Domestic and on export are given in the statement at Annex-I.

Annex-I.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2016 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

A. Details of subsidy released in the last three years, grain-wise, year-wise, are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

	Wheat	Rice	Coarsegrains#	Buffer Carrying Cost	Carryover charges	Total
2001-02 (P)	3925.19	7721.87	-	4648.96	1197.98	17494.00
2002-03 (P)	7245.30	10958.06	-	3291.49	2681.60	24176.45
2003-04 (P)	8968.81	12579.30	114.21	1550.62	1947.06	25160.00

Subsidy claims relating to coarsegrain for the years 2001-02 &2002-03 were settled in 2003-04.

B. Details of subsidy released under OMSS (Domestic) and on export in the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	OMSS (Domestic)	Export
2001-02 (P)	616.10	1368.37
2002-03 (P)	1206.23	5742.69
2003-04 (P)	708.13 #	4153.11

= This includes figures for coarsegrain also.

(P) = Provisional.